

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] Often, certain notification techniques may be less appropriate depending on the user's circumstances. For example, if a user is driving a car, it may be less effective to simply display a text notification assembled from SMS messages. Viewing the notification would require that the user turn his attention from driving. In that case, speaking the notification may be the most appropriate notification method. Therefore, what are desired are [[method]] methods, systems, and computer program products for notifying a user via voice notifications, or other notifications as appropriate for the user's circumstances.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] For example, the user may be driving a car with the user's telephone in a hands-free cradle. In that case, it may be inappropriate to send an urgent notification via text [[messages]] message as the user may be distracted from driving if the user has to visibly read the text message. Furthermore, should the user want to perform an action in response to the notification (e.g., asking for the full text of an e-mail when notified of an important e-mail), the user might be tempted to visually navigate to the desired action and select that action, thus further distracting the user. On the other hand, it may be far more appropriate, if the telephone is in the hands-free cradle, to have the notification spoken to the user via a voice notification, and to allow the user to act on the voice notification by speaking a desired response action.

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] Thus, the present invention allows for individuals to be notified of [[event]] events in a manner that is tailored to the current circumstances surrounding the user. The principles of the present invention also allow the user to act appropriately and conveniently on the notification.